

Enhanced X-ray Timing & Polarimetry (eXTP) Observatory Mission

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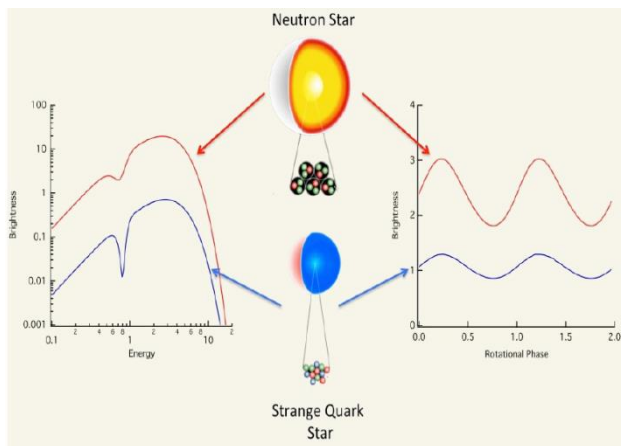
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 - **Spain: IEEC-CSIC**
 - **Switzerland: University of Geneva etc.**
 - **Denmark: Tech. Univ. of Denmark etc.**
 - **Czech republic, Poland**
 - **Netherlands: Univ. of Amsterdam, Leiden Observatory, SRON etc**
 - **UK: MSSL/UCL, Leicester Univ. etc**
- **Other potential partners: USA, Japan, India, Russia, Taiwan, HK,**
(Note: **red: with hardware contribution, blue: science only**)

eXTP – the successor of Insight-HXMT

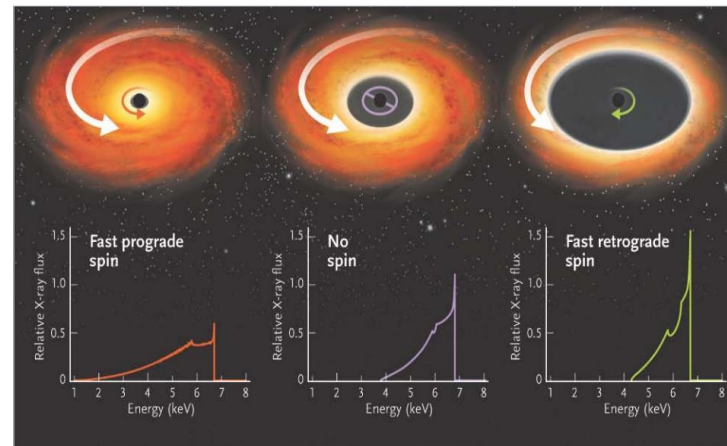
- **Scientific objectives (core science):**
 - Test General Relativity in strong-field regime
 - Determination of the equation of state (EOS) of matter at supra-nuclear densities
 - Measurement of QED effects in the presence of ultra-strong magnetic fields
- **Instrument requirement:** high throughput, time resolved spectroscopy and simultaneous polarimetry
- **Observatory sciences, multi-messenger astrophysics**
 - Variety of studies complementing the core science

Keywords:

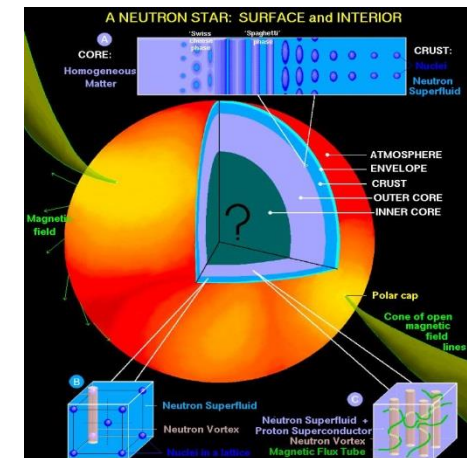
- 1 singularity (black hole)
 - 2 stars (neutron star or quark star)
 - 3 extremes (gravity, density, magnetism)
- GM/c²r~1, 10¹⁵g/cm³, 10¹⁴Gs



Neutron star & Quark star



Extreme gravity near black hole

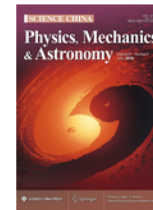


Vacuum fluctuations, Neutrons or Quarks?

White papers on eXTP (arXiv on 2018/11/29)

Five refereed papers have been accepted for publication in a special issue of SCIENCE CHINA Physics, Mechanics & Astronomy and will be available in the arXiv on 2018/11/29.

- S.-N. Zhang, A. Santangelo, M. Feroci, Y.P. Xu, et al., **The enhanced X-ray Timing and Polarimetry mission - eXTP**
- A. L. Watts, W.F. Yu, J. Poutanen, S. Zhang, et al., **Dense matter with eXTP**
- A. De Rosa, P. Uttley, L.J. Gou, Y. Liu, et al., **Accretion in Strong Field Gravity with eXTP**
- A. Santangelo, S. Zane, H. Feng, R.X. Xu, et al., **Physics and Astrophysics of Strong Magnetic Field systems with eXTP**
- J. J. M. in 't Zand, B. Enrico, J.L. Qu, X.D. Li, et al., **Observatory science with eXTP**



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Dense matter with eXTP

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Scientific requirements

- Simultaneous spectral-timing-polarimetry observation of the time-variable Universe in a wide X-ray energy band

| Item | Requirement | Scientific drivers |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| Effective area | $\geq 0.4 \text{ m}^2$ (focused) $\geq 3 \text{ m}^2$ (collimated) | EOS, BH spins, GR effect |
| Energy range | 0.5-30 keV | Broadband spectrum, multi-wavelength variability, GR effect |
| Energy resolution | $\leq 180\text{eV}@6 \text{ keV}$ | Broad iron line measurement |
| Time resolution/accuracy | $\leq 10\mu\text{s} / 2\mu\text{s}$ | Sub-millisecond variability |
| Polarimetry | MDP $\sim 1.6\%$ | Magnetic field, emission mechanism, emission geometry |
| Eff. Area for polarimetry | $\geq 380\text{cm}^2@3\text{keV}$ | |
| Wide field monitoring | FoV $\geq 3 \text{ Sr}$ | |
| Throughput | $> 90\% @10\text{Crab}$ | Bright sources |

eXTP payload concept

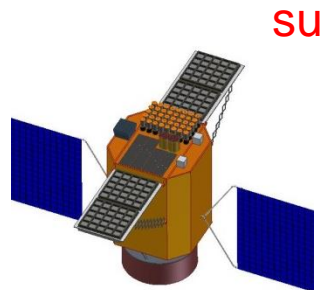
- Short focal-length for multiple modules.
- Deployable panel for large area collimated modules.
- High modular silicon drift detectors for high spectral/timing observation, and high throughput with negligible pile-ups.
- Polarimeter with imaging capability.
- Wide field monitor.



Artistic view of the eXTP satellite (by CAST)

A brief history of the eXTP concept

XTP: Phase 0: 2009-2011
Phase A: 2011-2015
supported by CAS



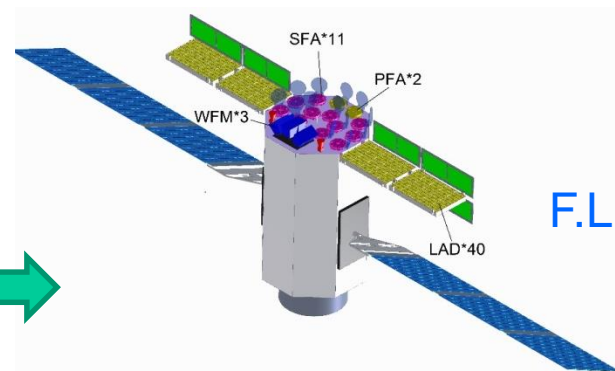
XTP 2011



XTP 2013



2015

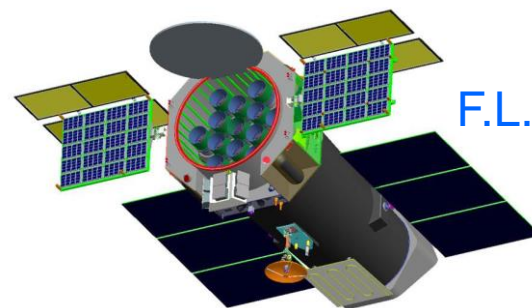


eXTP 2016

LOFT phase A:
2011-2014
ESA M3 candidate



First XTP-LOFT meeting 2014
eXTP meeting ~ 2 per year since 2015

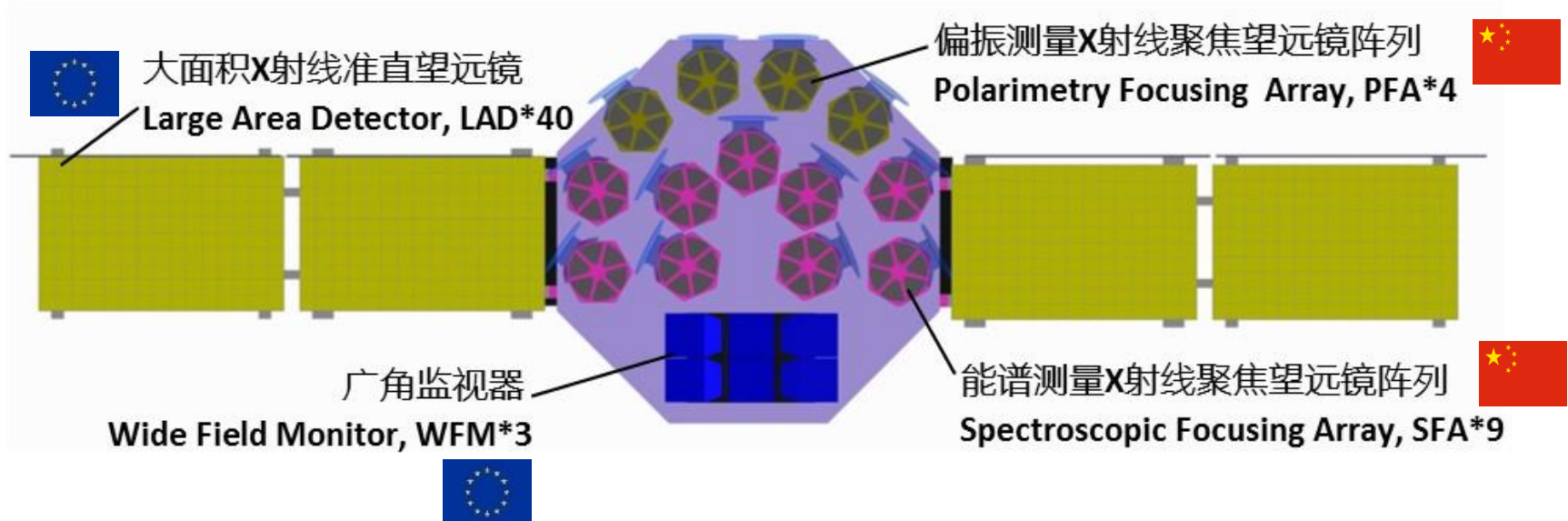


eXTP 2017

2018: The extended Phase A study in China with support from European participating countries

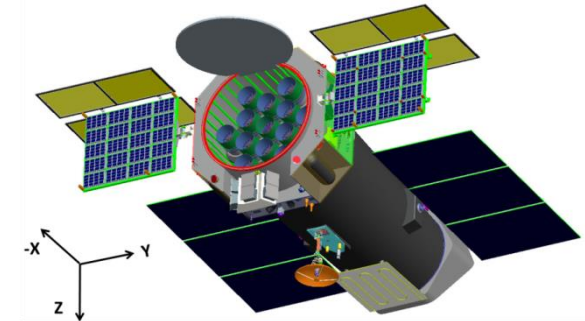
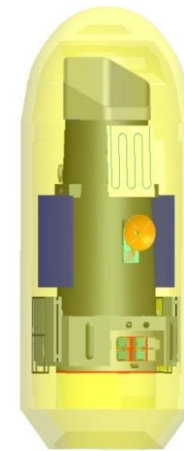
eXTP payload configuration

| Payload | Configuration | Optics | Detector | Expected eff. area (m ²) | Time ref. (μs) |
|------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|----------|--------------------------------------|----------------|
| SFA - Spectroscopic Focusing Array | 9 telescopes | Wolter-I | SDD | 0.74 m ² @2 keV | 10 |
| LAD - Large Area Detector | 40 modules | MCP collimator | SDD | 3.4 m ² @8 keV | 10 |
| PFA - Polarimetry Focusing Array | 4 telescopes | Wolter-I | GPD | 495 cm ² @3 keV | 500 |
| WFM - Wide Field Monitor | 6 cameras | 1.5D coded mask | SDD | 4.1 Sr (FOV) | 10 |

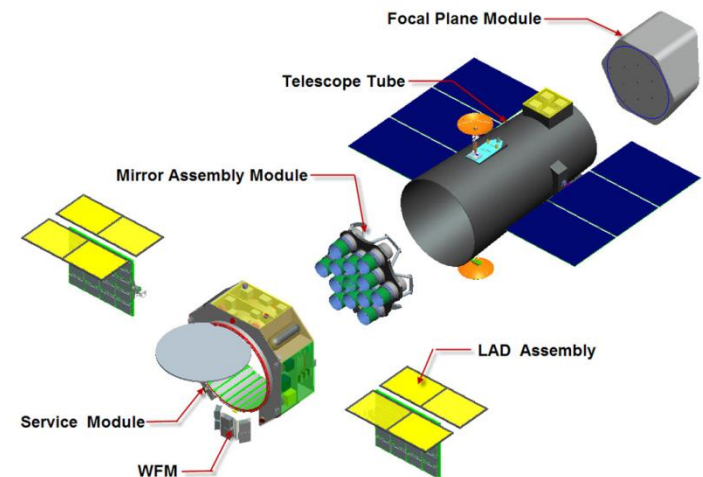


eXTP Mission overview

| Parameter | Value |
|------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Orbit | 550km, inclination 0° |
| Pointing | 3-axis stabilized, <math>< 0.01^\circ (3\sigma)</math> |
| Launch | LM7 + upper stage, @Wenchang |
| Launch mass | 4500 kg |
| Telemetry | 3.2 Tb/day (X-band or Ka-band) |
| Burst alert | BeiDou Navigation Satellite System; VHF transmitter (SVOM); Tracking and Data Relay Satellite System |
| Ground Stations | Sanya (China), Malindi (Italy) |
| Mission duration | 5 years (goal 8 years) |
| Launch date | ~ 2025 |

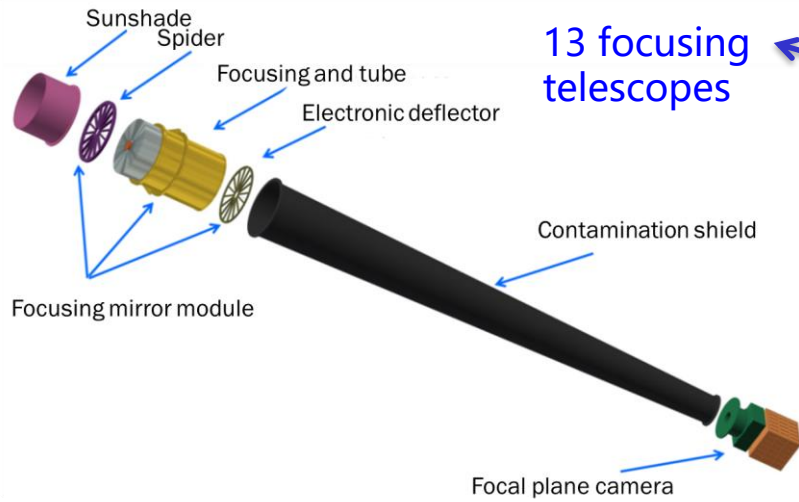


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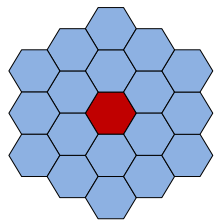
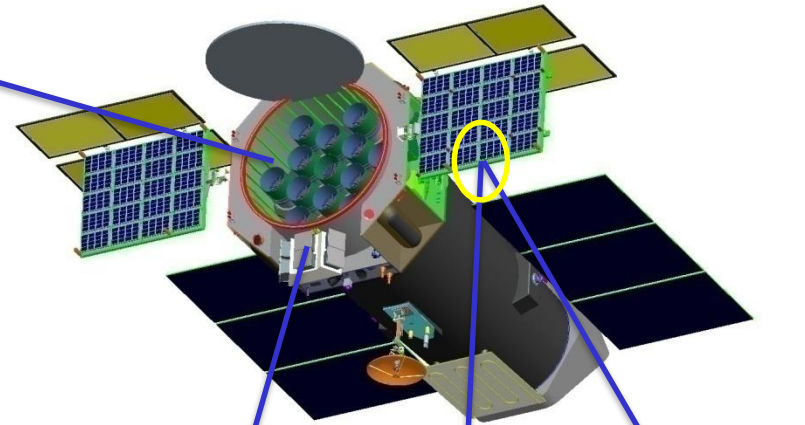


Accommodation concept by CAST

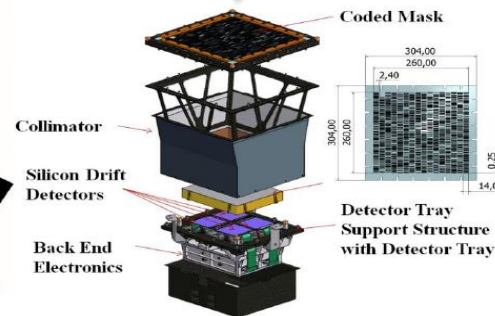
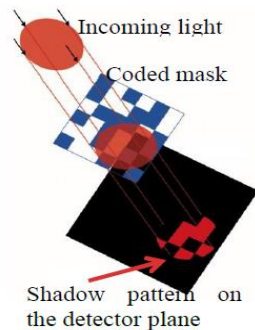
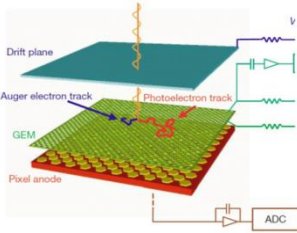
eXTP payload accommodation



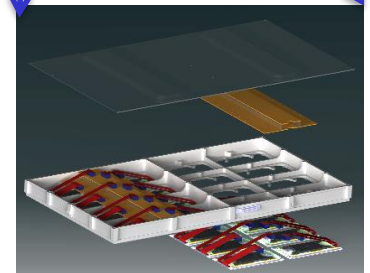
13 focusing telescopes



SDD camera (9) GPD (4)



WFM cameras (6)



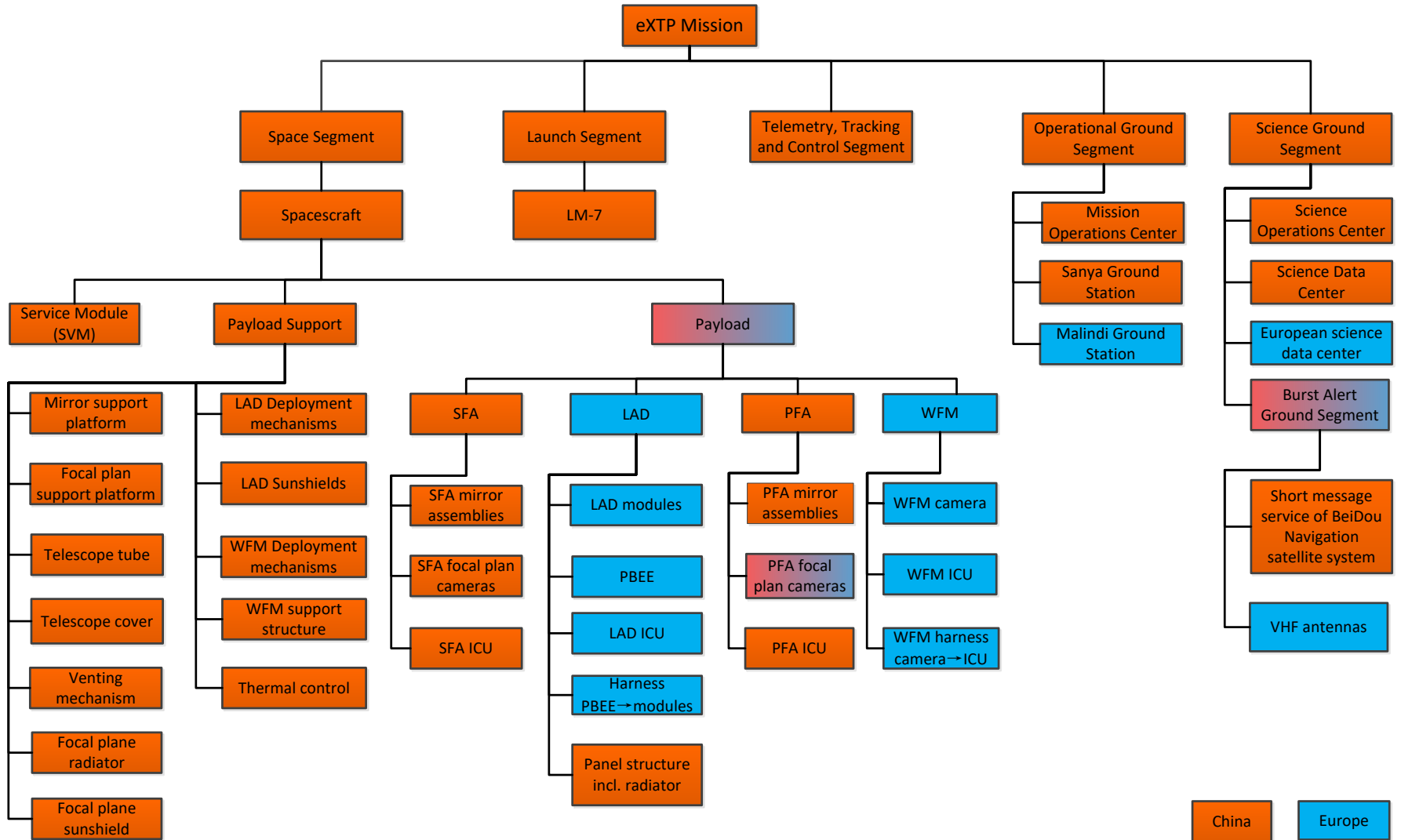
LAD modules (40)

Potential European Participants

 **esa** is considering eXTP MoO.



eXTP System Product Tree with Main Responsibilities

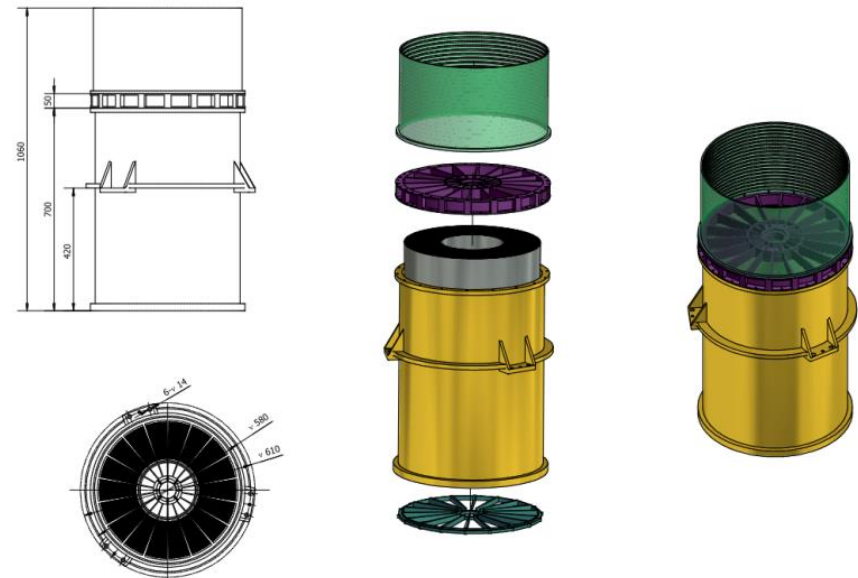
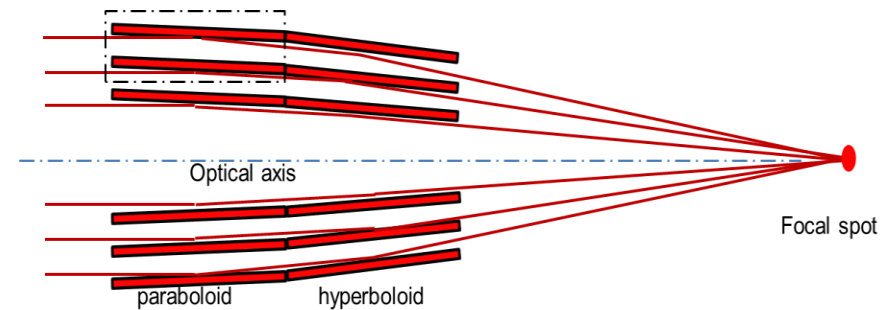


ASI is coordinating European payloads.

The optics

Mirror module specifications

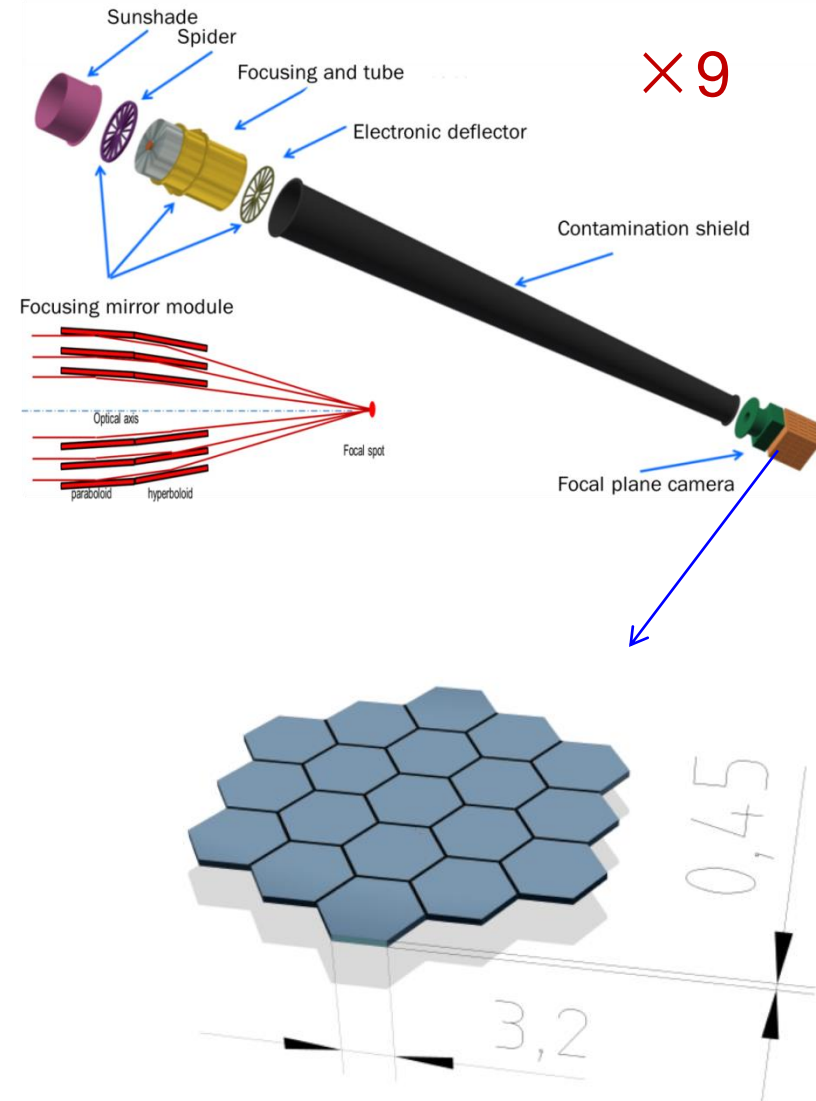
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|------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Focal length | 5.25 m |
| Aperture | ≤ 500 mm |
| Colleting area | ≥ 820 cm ² @2 keV ≥ 550 cm ² @6 keV |
| Energy range | 0.5~10 keV |
| Field of view | $> 12'$ |
| Angular resolution | SFA (9) : 1'(HPD)、3' (W90) PFA (4) : 30(15)"(HPD) |
| Temperature range | $20 \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$ |
| First resonance frequency (preliminary) | ≥ 80 Hz (axial direction) ≥ 40 Hz (lateral direction) |
| Weight | ≤ 100 kg |



- 13 flight modules
- Grazing incidence Wolter-I
- 40 shells per module
- P+H = 60cm
- Ni electroforming replication

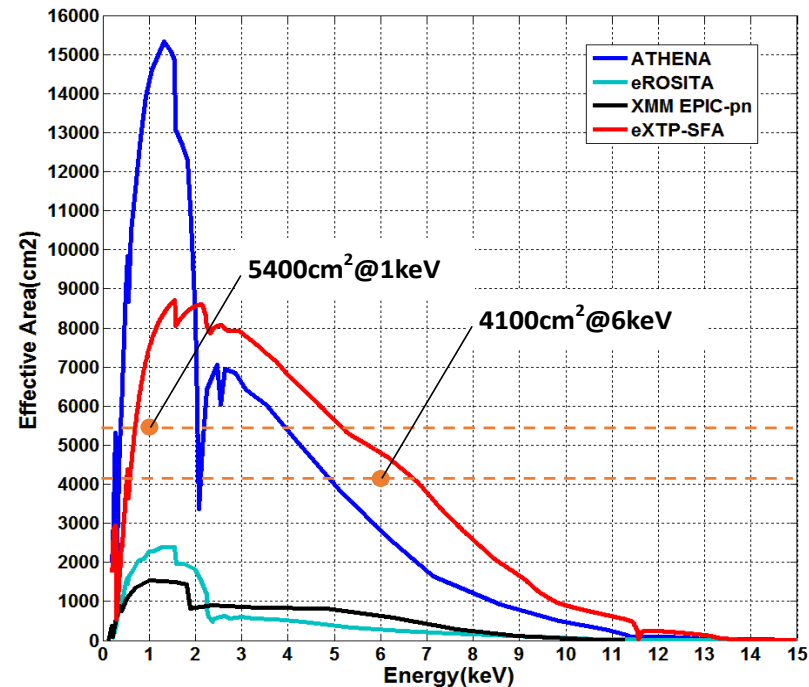
SFA – Spectroscopy Focusing Array

- Large collecting area achieved by multiple optics with short focal length.
- 9 grazing incidence Wolter-I optics with 5.25 m F.L., 40 shells/module
- Non-imaging, 1' (HPD), 3' (W90), 12' FoV
- 19-cell SDD array: multi-pixel to enable background subtraction
- Energy range: 0.5-10 keV
- Energy resolution: ≤ 180 eV @ 6 keV
- Time resolution: 10 μ s
- Absolute timing accuracy: 2 μ s
- Dead time: < 5% @ 1 Crab
- Sensitivity: 4.1×10^{-15} erg/cm²/s (3σ , 10ks)



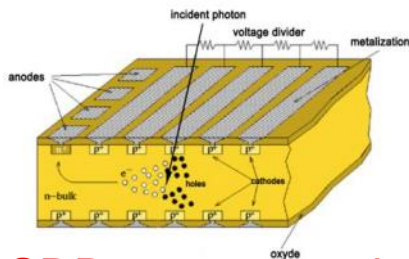
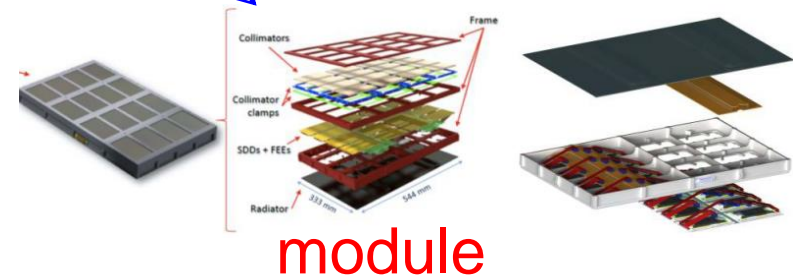
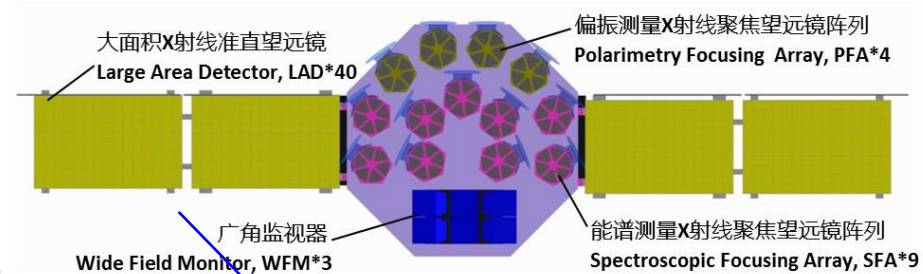
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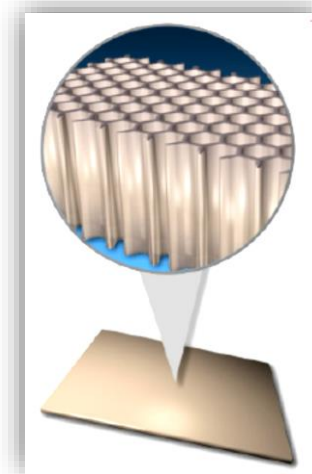


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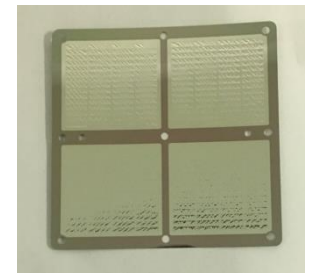
- Spectral and timing observation
- 40 modules on 2 deployable panels
- Collimated, large area SDD detector
- Energy range: 2-30 keV (goal 50 keV)
- Energy resolution: $< 240\text{eV}$ @ 6 keV
- Field of View: 1° (FWHM)
- Time resolution: $10\ \mu\text{s}$
- Absolute time accuracy: $2\ \mu\text{s}$
- Dead time: $< 0.5\%$ @ 1 Crab
- Background: $< 3\ \text{mCrab}$
- Total effective area: $3.4\ \text{m}^2$ @ 8 keV



SDD: 2×112 anodes, pitch = $970\ \mu\text{m}$



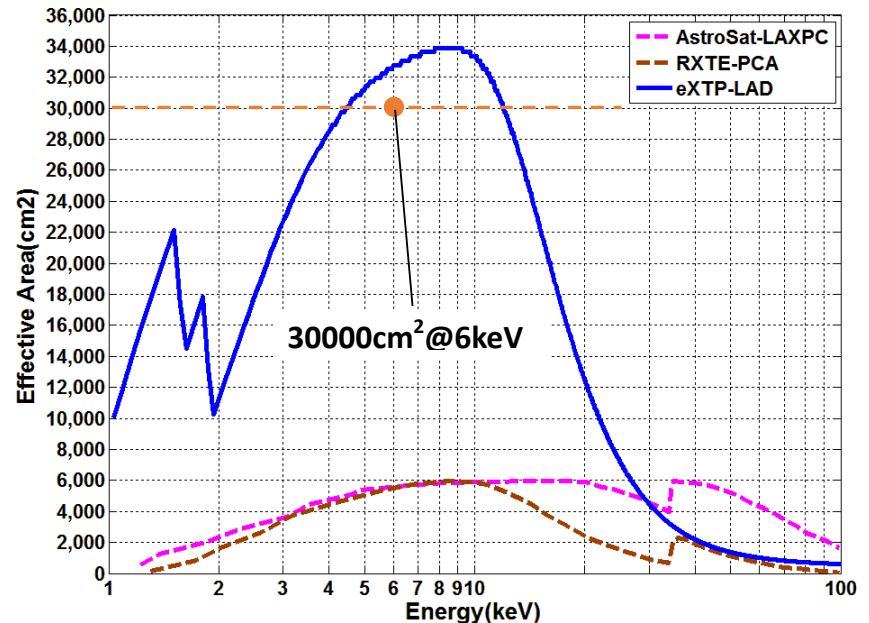
MCP collimator



Thermal/optical filter

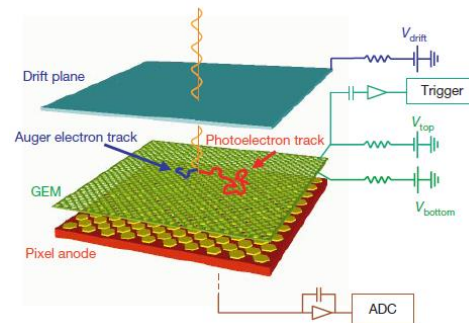
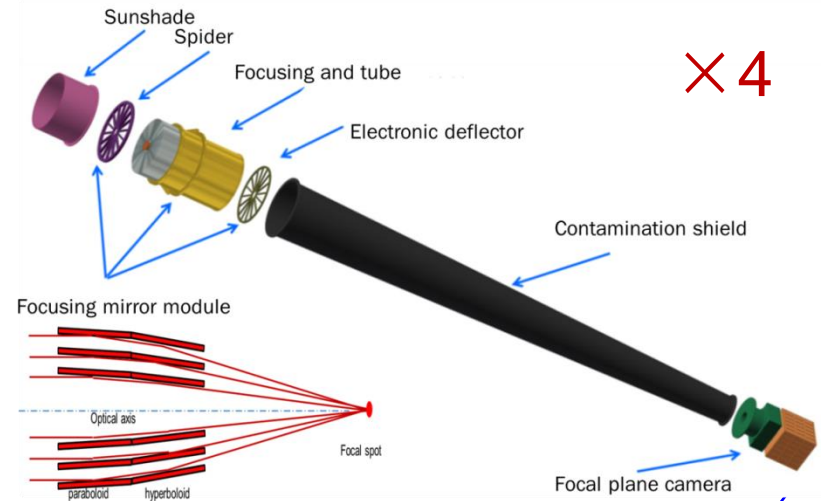
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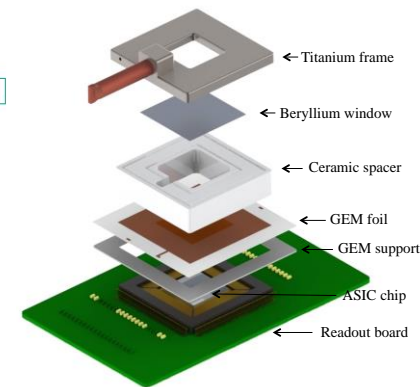


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- Gas Pixel Detector (GPD): photo-electron tracking
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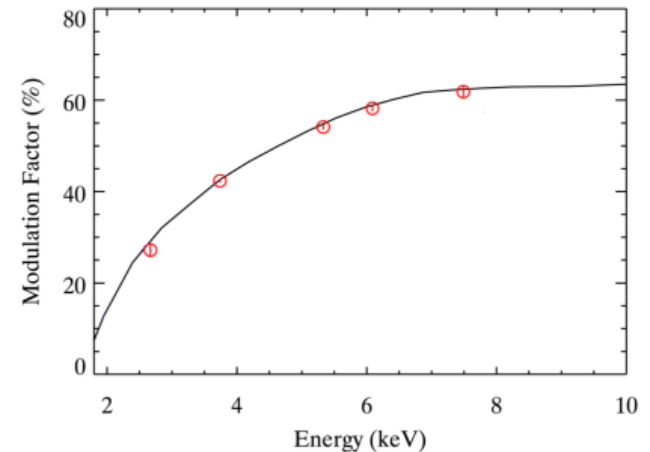
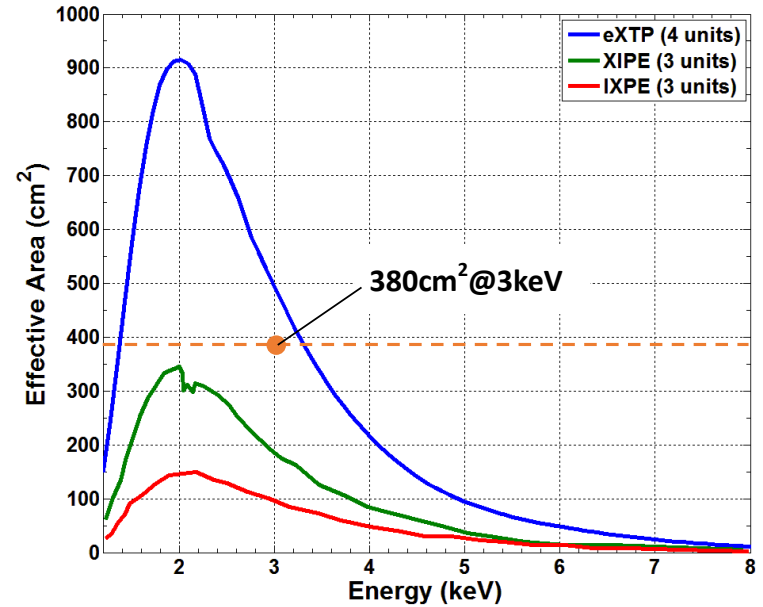
Designed by the INFN-Pisa group (Bellazzini et al.)



GPD prototype (Tsinghua)

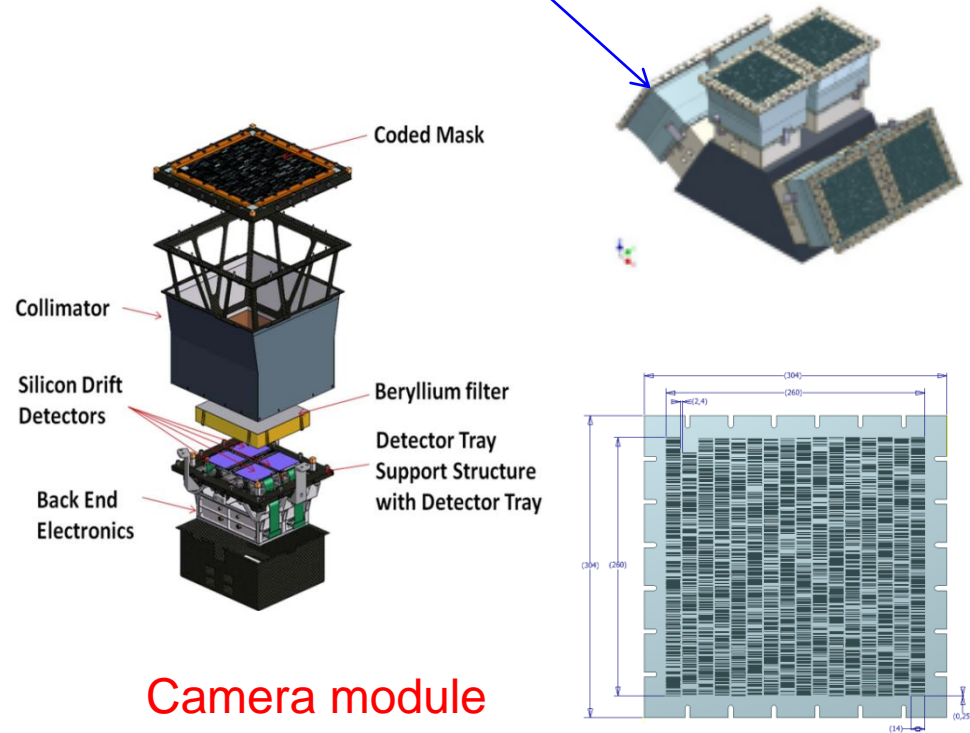
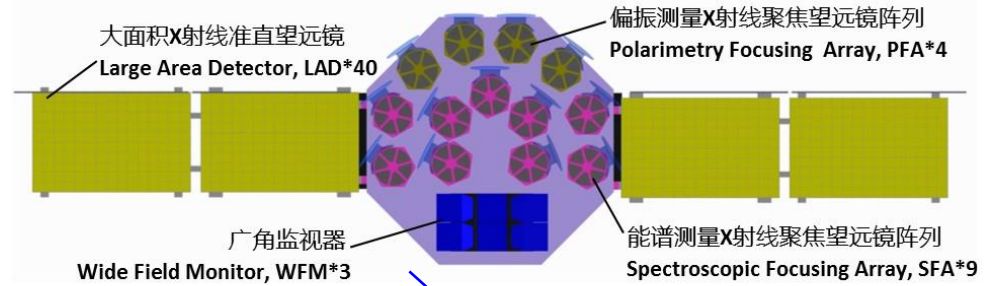
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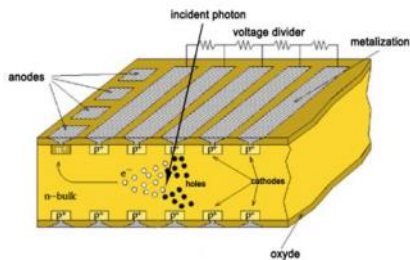
WFM – Wide Field Monitor

- 3 units (6 cameras)
- 2D Imaging, 5' (FWHM) resolution
- Location accuracy: $\leq 1'$
- Field of view: ≥ 3.2 Sr (at 20% response)
- Energy range: 2-50 keV
- Energy res.: ≤ 300 eV @ 6keV
- Time resolution: 10 μ s
- Absolute time accuracy: 2 μ s
- Peak sensitivity (5σ): 1Crab (1s), 5mCrab (50ks)



Camera module

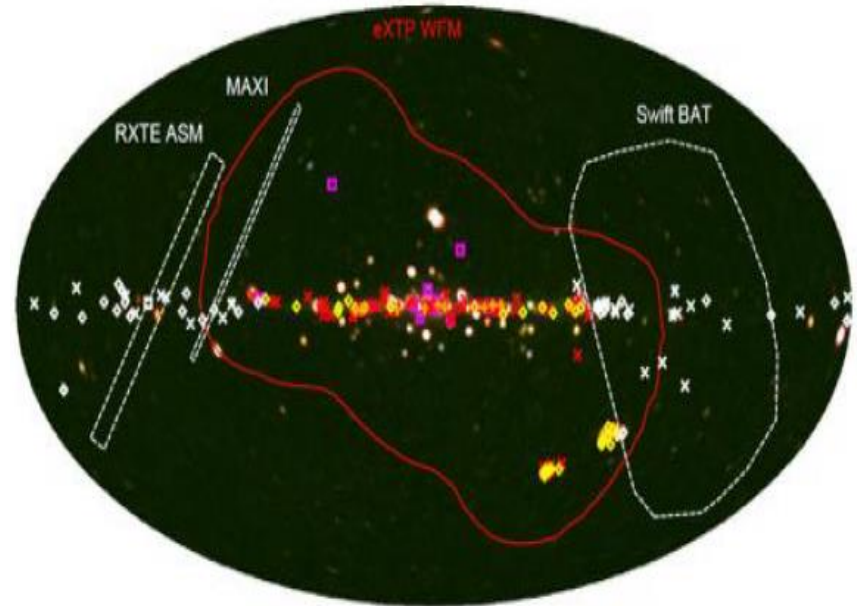
1.5D coded mask



SDD: 2x384 anodes, pitch = 169 μ m

WFM – Wide Field Monitor

- 3 units (6 cameras)
- 2D Imaging, 5' (FWHM) resolution
- Location accuracy: $\leq 1'$
- Field of view: ≥ 3.2 Sr (at 20% response)
- Energy range: 2-50 keV
- Energy res.: $\leq 300\text{eV}$ @ 6keV
- Time resolution: $10\mu\text{s}$
- Absolute time accuracy: $2\mu\text{s}$
- Peak sensitivity (5σ): 1Crab (1s),
5mCrab (50ks)



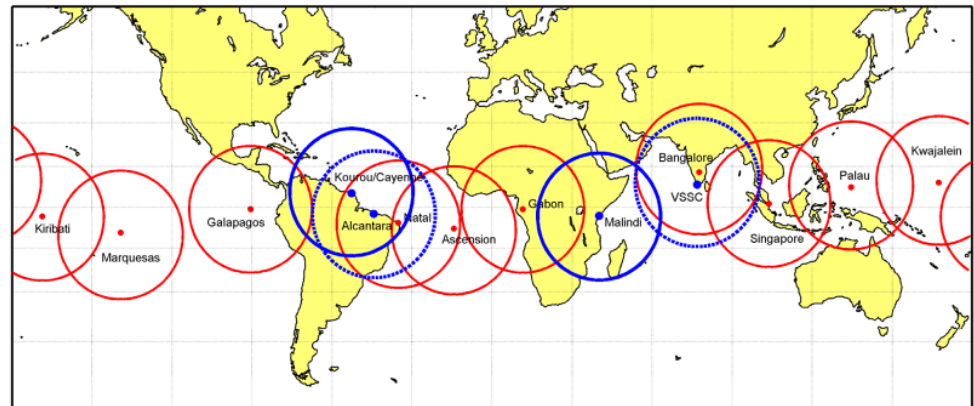
WFM field of View. (Background map courtesy of T. Mihara, RIKEN, JAXA, and the MAXI team)

Observation mode

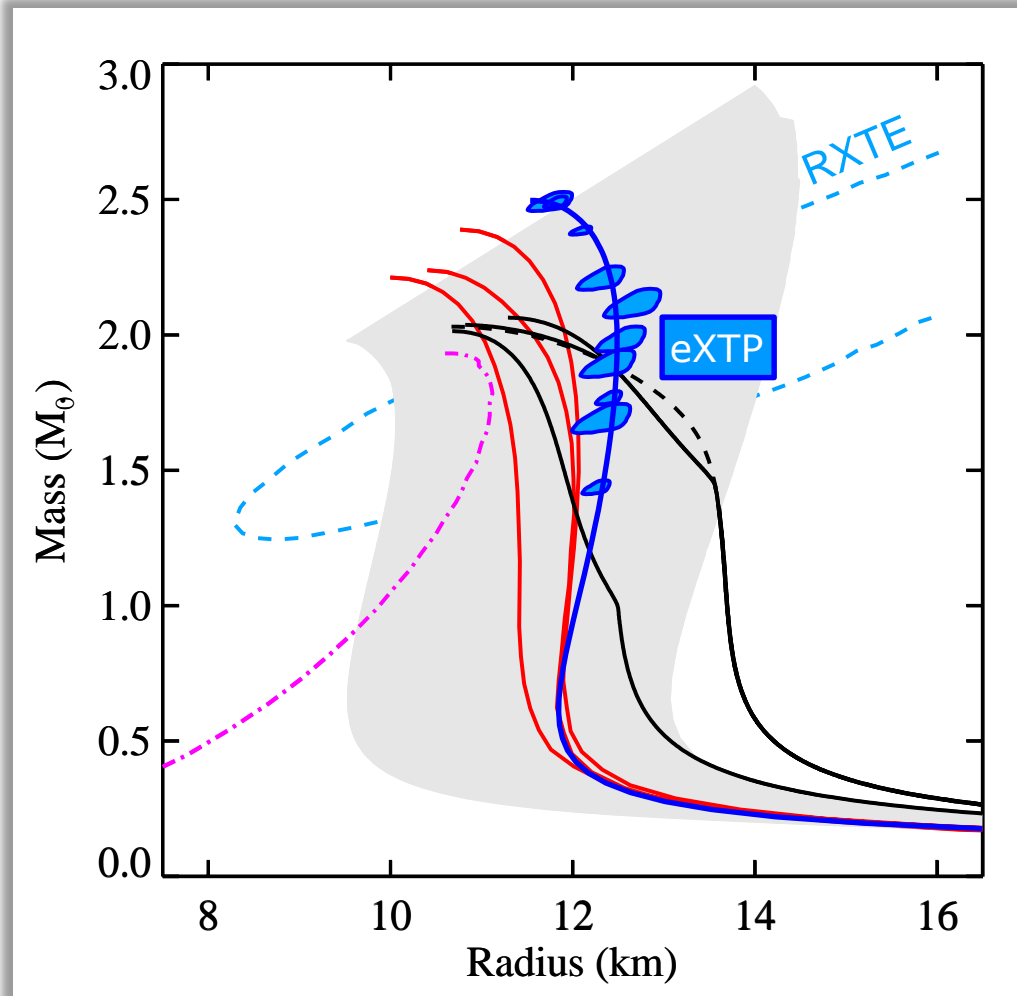
- Pointed
 - $\text{ape} < 0.01^\circ$ (3σ)
 - Up to 10^6 s per observation
- Follow-up
 - Triggered by the WFM onboard
 - Triggered by other missions through scientific centers
 - The S/C has the ability to slew 30° and stabilize in 10 minutes
 - implications for GRB afterglow polarimetry?
- Small area sky scan
 - PSF calibration and ape verification of SFA and LAD

Transient event alert download and ToO upload

- Download link requirement: 65%<30s; 95%<120s
- Baseline solution: BD-3 short message system for upload (TBC) and download link
 - The basic BDS-3 constellation has been successfully deployed after the 18th and 19th of the BDS-3 satellite launched on Nov 19th, 2018, and will be put into operation before the end of this year.
 - BDS with global coverage will be completed by the end of 2020 with total 35 satellites on orbit.
- Backup:
 - burst alert: the VHF system designed for SVOM
 - ToO upload: TT&C or the relay satellites



Spectral-Timing Mapping EOS with eXTP



Neutron or Quark Star?

Detailed simulations carried out to evaluate fitting procedure and accuracies (Lo et al. 2013, ApJ).

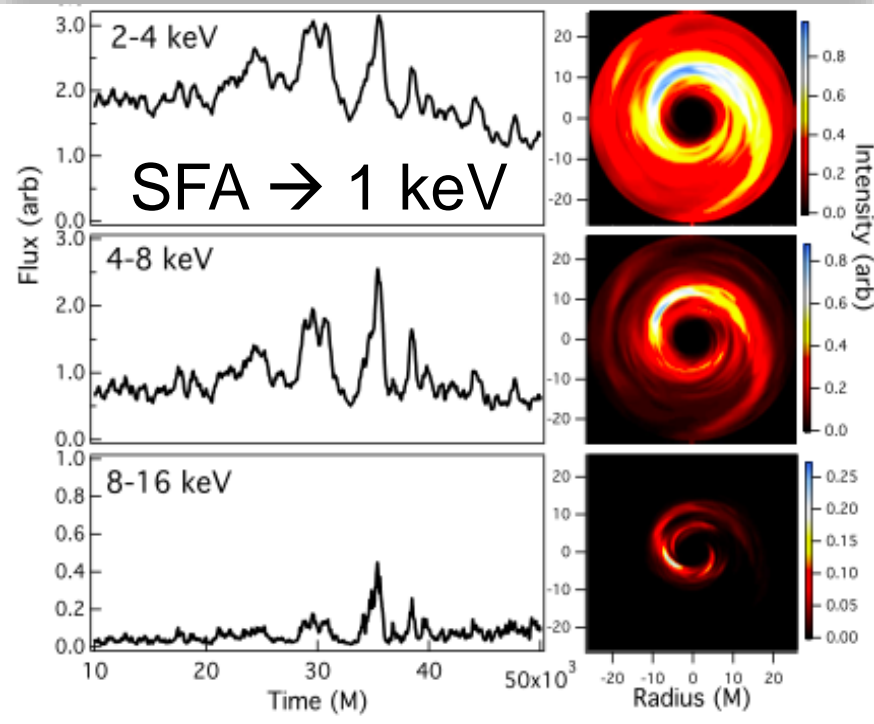
Few % accuracy needs $\sim 10^6$ photons: 3-4m² area crucial.

Multiple same-source cross-checks.

USING ONLY KNOWN SOURCES, eXTP'S PULSE PROFILE MODELLING MEASUREMENTS WILL MAP THE M-R RELATION AND HENCE THE EOS.

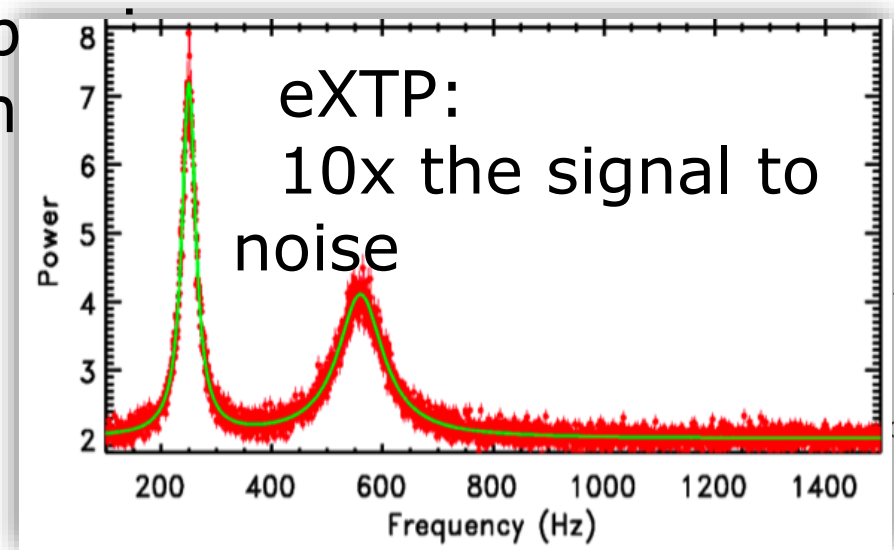
Spectral-Timing for strong field gravity

General Relativity predicts p orbital and epicyclic frequen at each radius



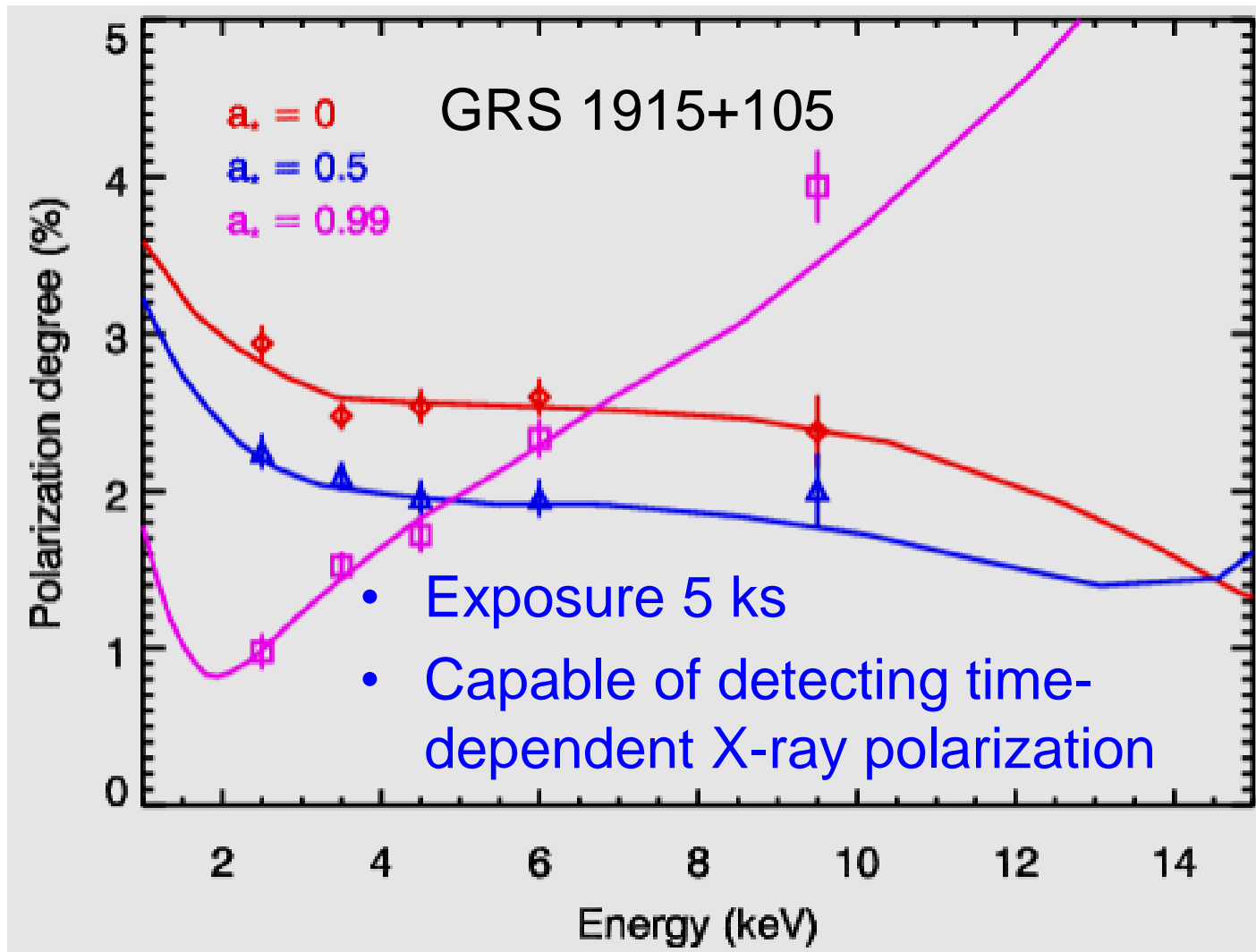
Wellons et al. 2013

Orbiting inhomogeneities make frequencies observable



- Strong gravity dynamical frequencies just detected in current (RXTE) data
- eXTP diagnoses strong field gravity very precisely by:
 - timing of the flux variations
 - time resolved spectroscopy at very high signal to noise
- Uses known phenomena

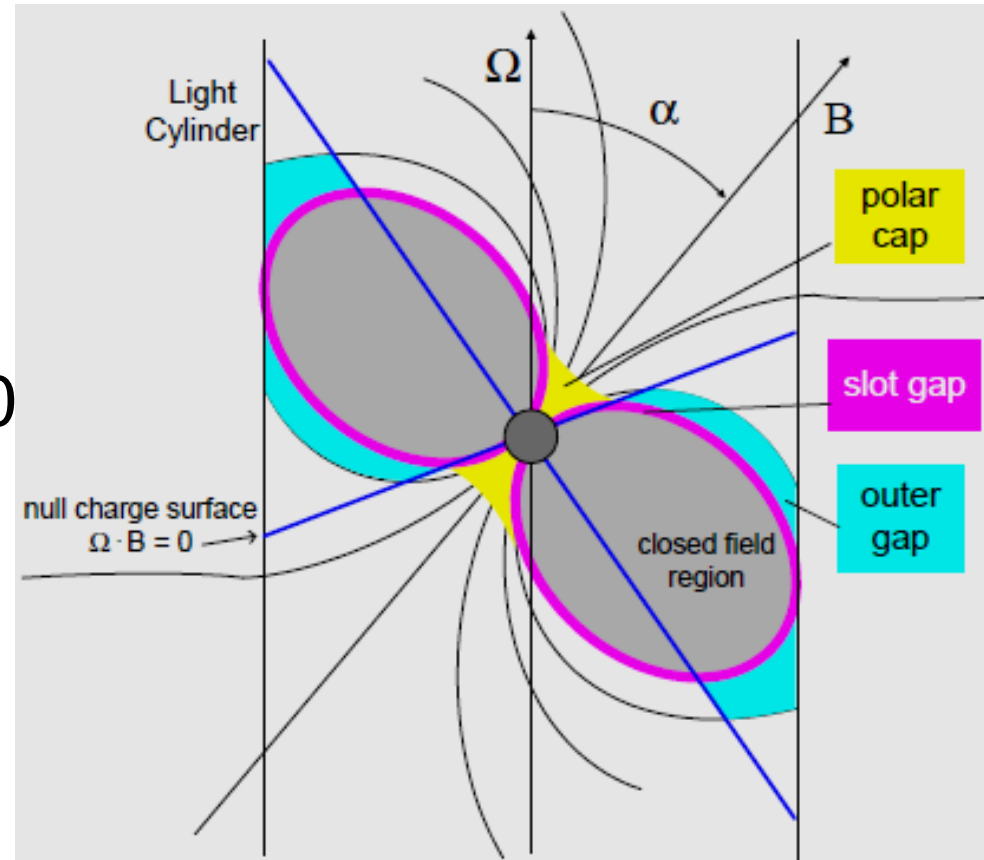
Spectral-Polarimetry for BH spin



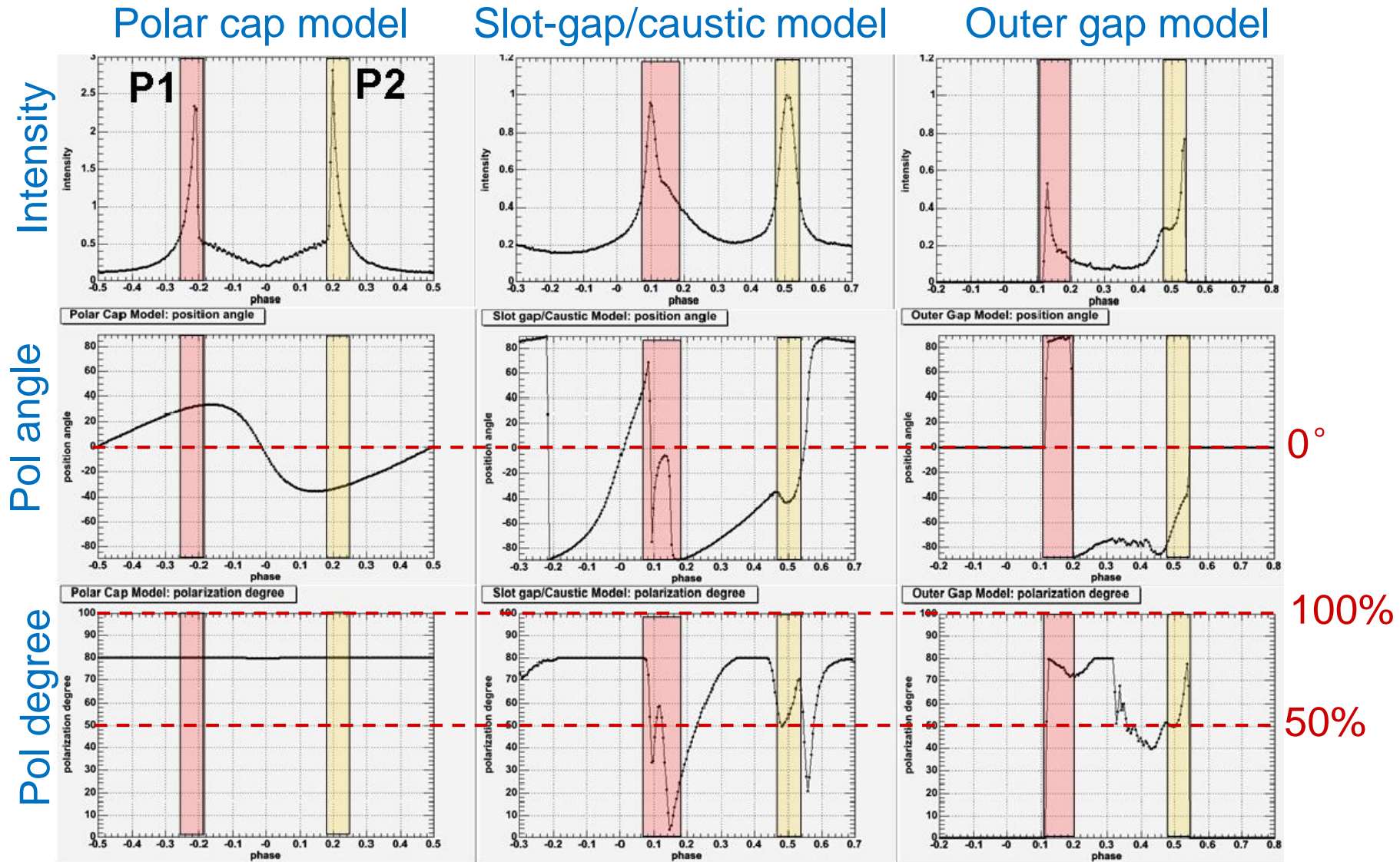
To be complemented by simultaneous SFA+LAD with Continuum Fitting & Fe-line BH spin measurement

Rotation-powered pulsars

- Three competing models
 - Polar cap (Daugherty & Harding 1996)
 - Slot gap (Muslimov & Harding 2003)
 - Outer gap (Romani 1996; Takana 2007)

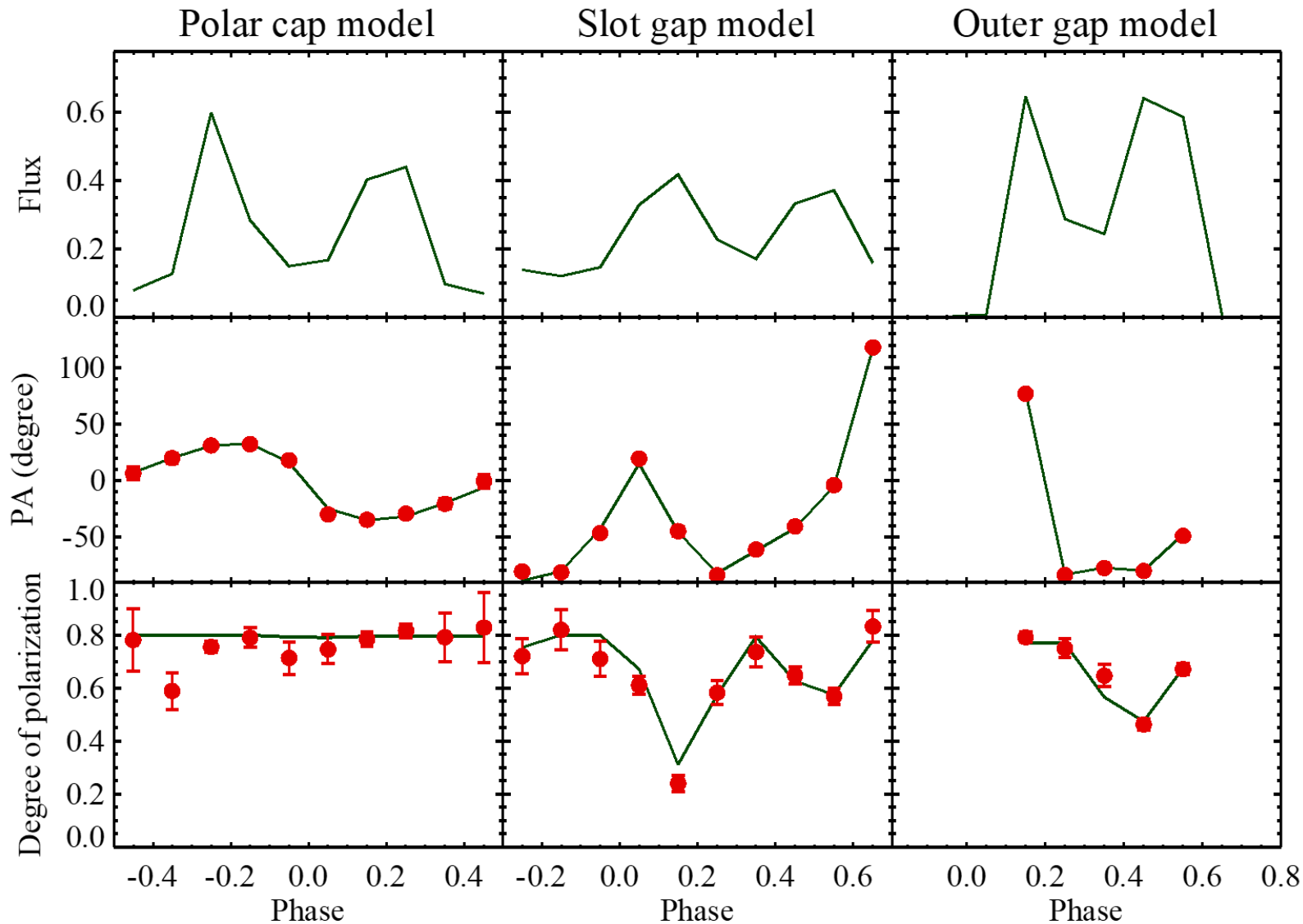


Timing-Polarimetry to Pulsars



SFA & LAD → precise phasing

eXTP discriminates pulsar models

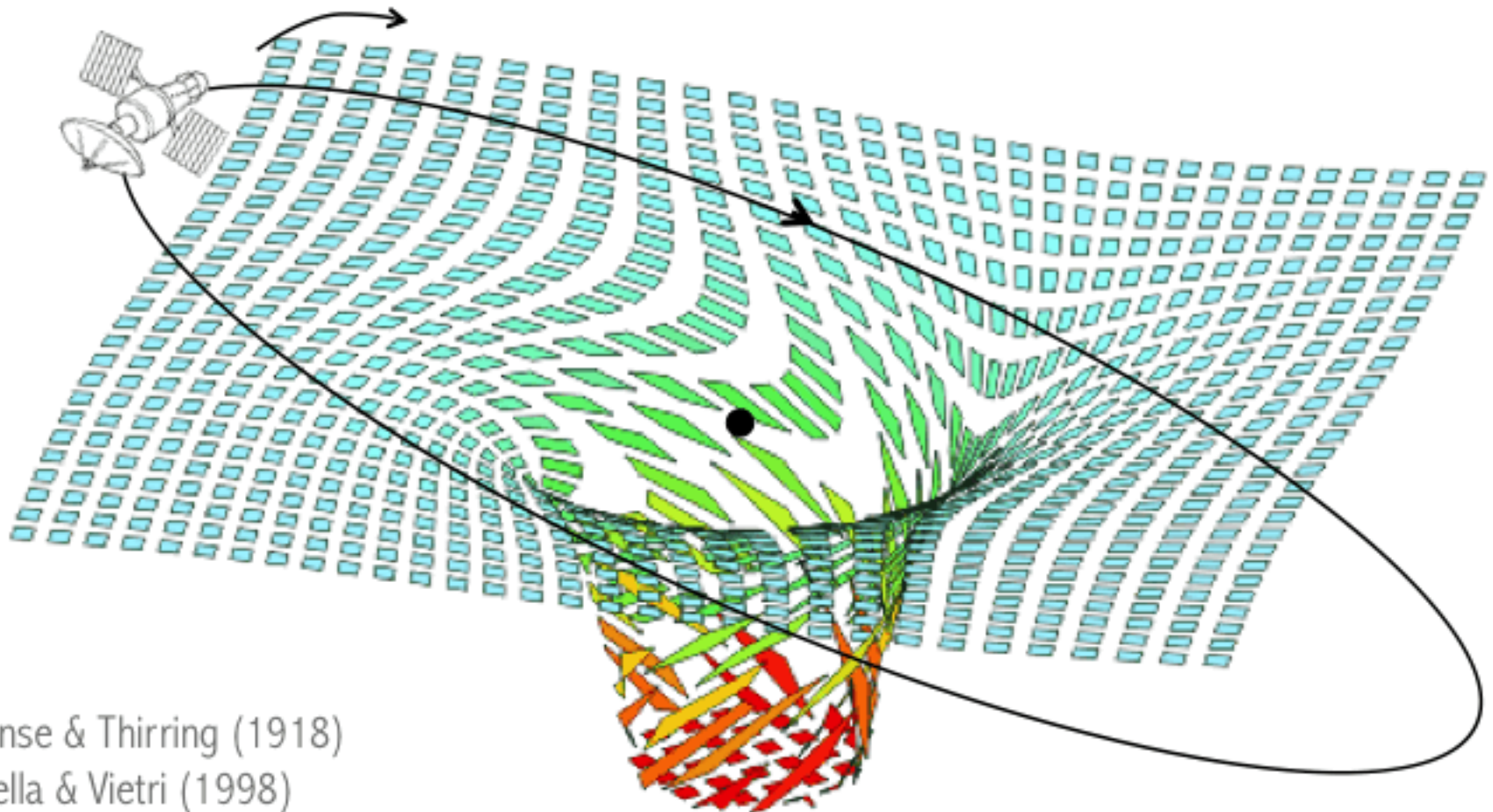


SFA & LAD → precise phasing

Timing-Polarimetry for Frame Dragging

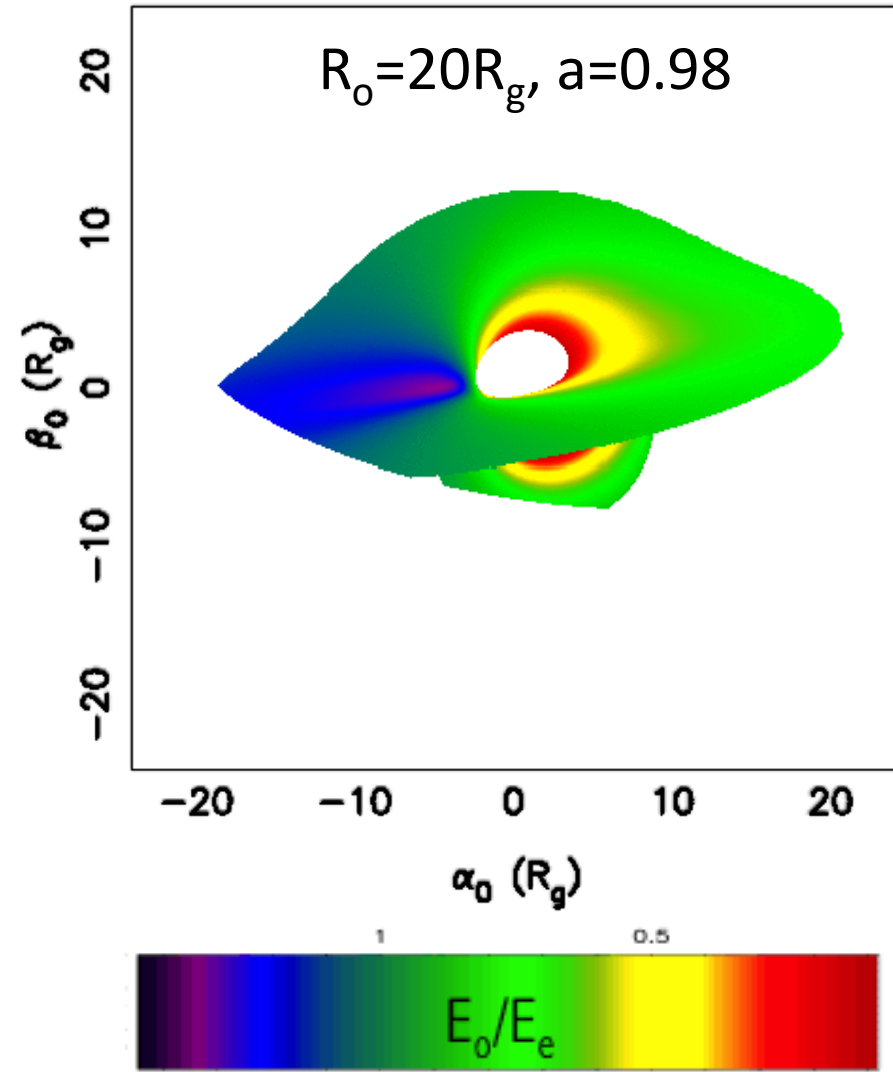
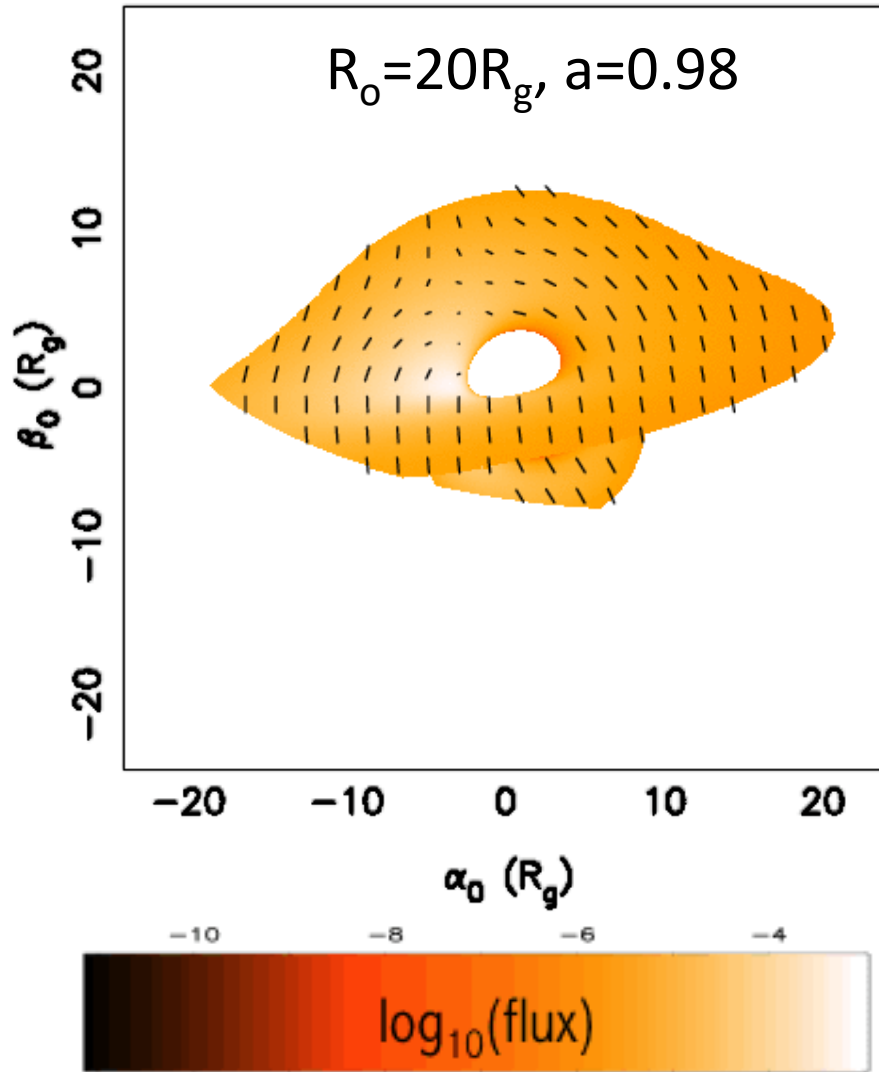
A spinning black hole **distorts** space and time

The satellite's motion is **influenced** by the spin of the black hole

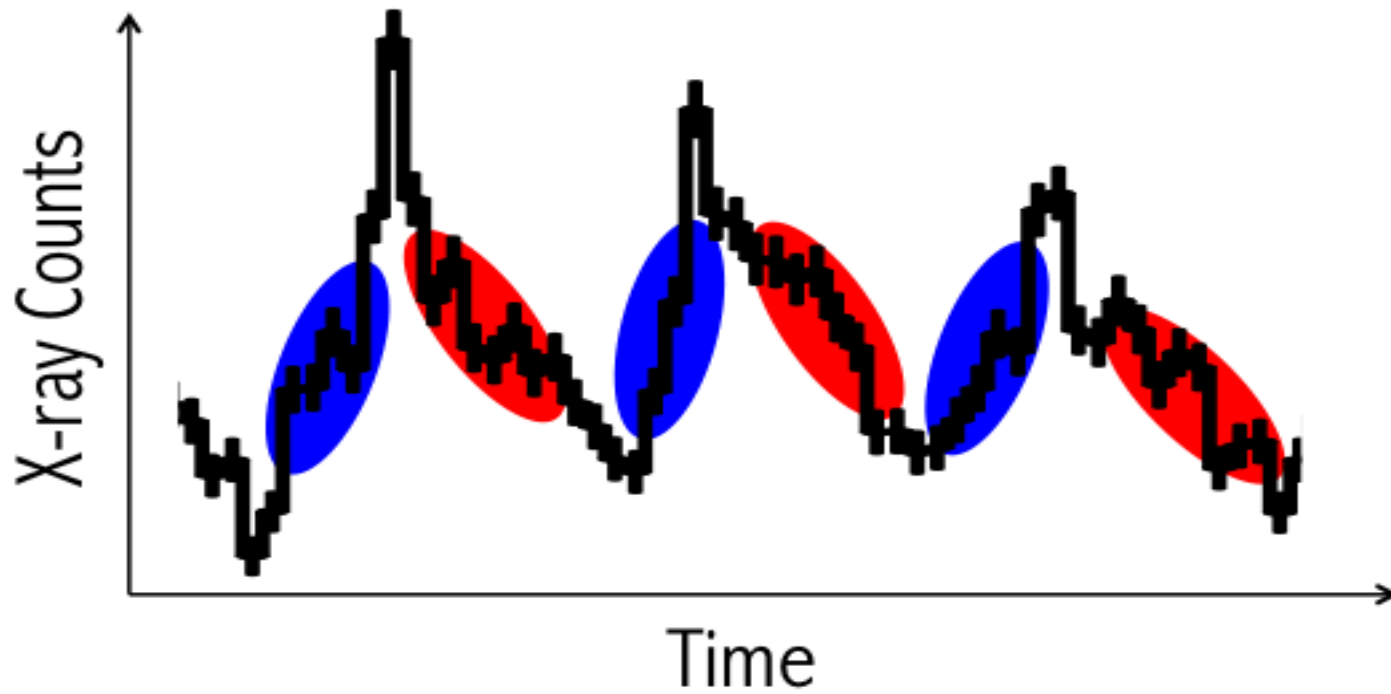


Lense & Thirring (1918)
Stella & Vietri (1998)

Movies: high inclination ($i=70^\circ$)



Phase folding

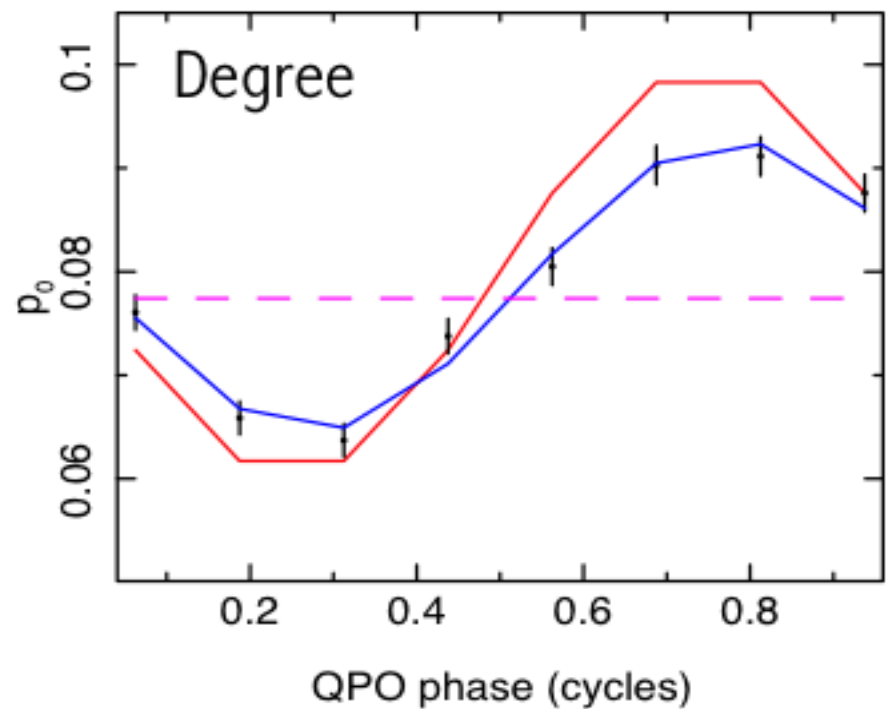
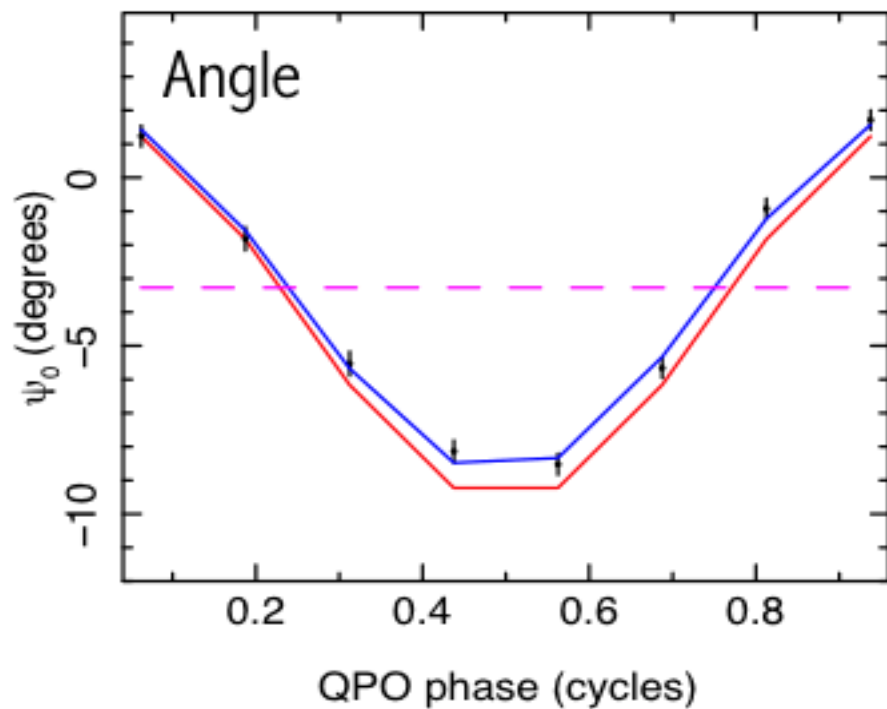


p_0 & ψ_0

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SFA & LAD \rightarrow precise phasing

Phase folding: LAD+SFA+PFA

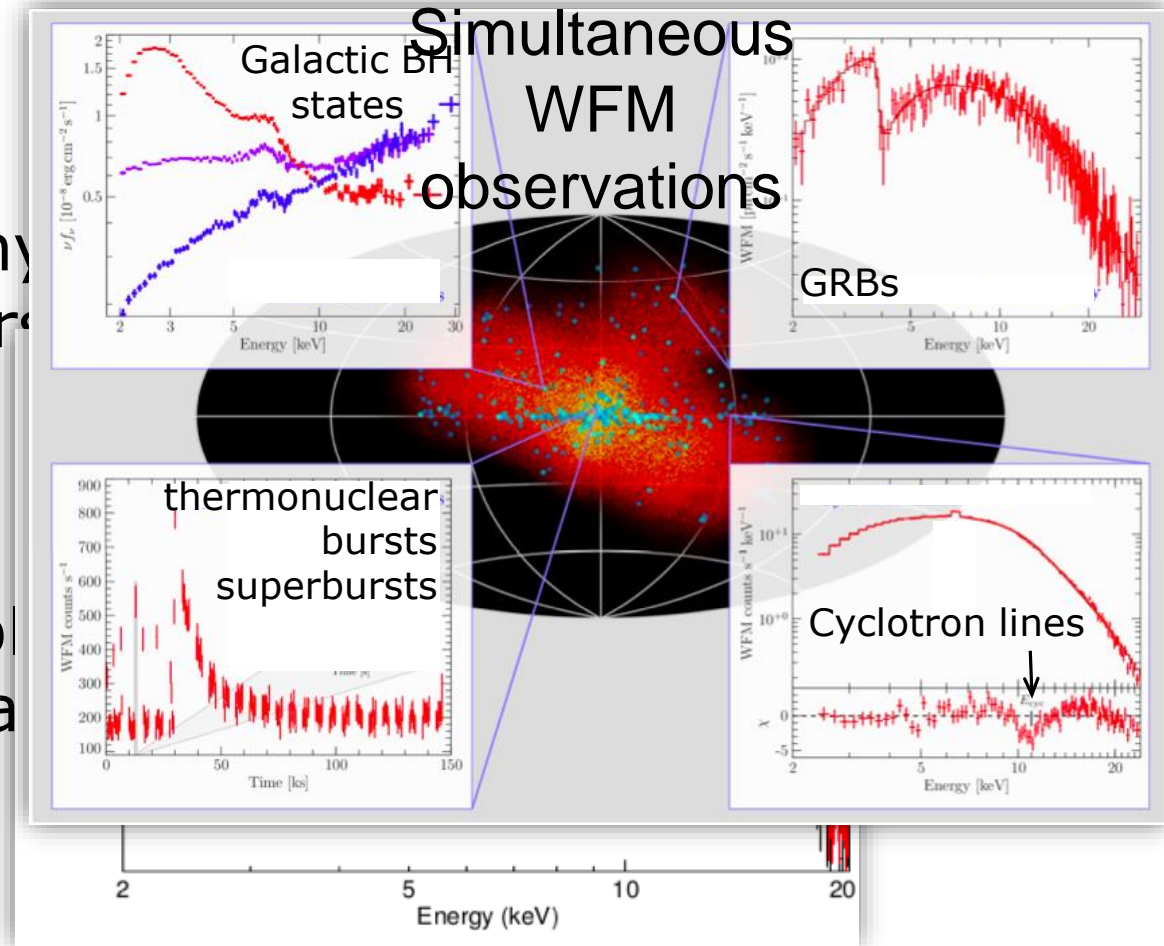


- 32.768ks exposure
- $\langle p_0 \rangle = 8\%$, $\sigma_{p_0} = 1.4\%$, $\langle \psi_0 \rangle = -4$ degrees, $\sigma_{\psi_0} = 4$ degrees
- Flux = 1 photon $\text{cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$ assuming absorbed power-law with $\Gamma = 2$ and $N_h = 1 \times 10^{22} \text{cm}^{-2}$
- 40 LAD modules, 2 GPD units

Observatory science

- EXTREME-THROUGHPUT WITH SFA & LAD
- VERY WIDE ANGLE MONITORING WITH WFM

- Accretion physics
- Magnetospheric physics
- Thermonuclear bursts
- Magnetars
- Gamma ray bursts
- Tidal disruptions
- Cataclysmic variables
- Terrestrial γ -ray flares
- Flare stars
- ...



Progress and Plan of Phase A+

- 2018.03 CAS kicked-off the Phase A+ study in China and officially invited European member state agencies to join the study.
- 2018.05 The first eXTP International Consortium Meeting in Xiamen.
- 2018.06 Budget for eXTP development through 2020 approved by CAS.
- 2018.09 ESA and NSSC has agreed to carry out a joint study regarding a possible European contribution to the eXTP mission.
- 2018.09 All the 5 white papers had been accepted and will be published in a special issue of *Science China* in February 2019.
- 2018.10 The core team reviewed the technical and programmatic progresses with NSSC delegations in Beijing to prepare the final approval of the mission in China.
- **2018.11** Letters of Intent by European participating agencies (coordinated by ASI).
- **2018.12** Completion of the extended Phase A.
- **2018.12/2019.01** Final approval of the mission in China.

Preliminary schedule of eXTP

- Phase A+ (10 months): March-Dec. 2018
 - Key technology/components development
 - Letters of Intent by European participating agencies (coordinated by ASI)
 - Mission approval general review in China
- Phase B (12 months): Jan.-Dec. 2019
 - Preliminary definition
 - ESA MoO proposal (early 2019)
 - Letters of Commitment and MoU signature
 - SRR, PRR, Mission adoption
- Phase C (30 months): Jan. 2020 – June 2022
- Phase D (30 months): July 2022 – Dec. 2024
- Phase E1 (6 months): Jan. – June 2025
 - Launch
- Phase E2 (60 months): June 2025 – June 2030
- Phase E3 (60 months): June 2030 – June 2035

Fully funded by CAS

Budgeted through 2020.12 in China

Summary

- eXTP will offer for the first time the most complete diagnostics of compact sources with excellent spectral, timing and polarimetry sensitivity in a single mission.
- China has initiated and is leading the project, with about 20 countries and 100 international institutions involved.
- Instrument configuration and system level studies have showed that eXTP is feasible for a launch ~2025.
- The extended Phase A study fully funded and kicked-off by CAS and budget of CAS for eXTP through 2020 approved.
- Mission approval in China planned for end of 2018 and adoption at the end of 2019 with MoO participation from ESA.

Thank you for your attention!